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Afloat Storage

7. The meeting agreed that they had no concerns over the technical feasibility of afloat storage; DNP/SM611 endorsement would be sought outside the meeting by SM505.

8. Mr Chandler reported that DISM would be able to forward both the sea bed and afloat storage feasibility papers to Sec(FS)/A by end April 89 as agreed. In the covering note to Sec(FS)/A, DISM would state that afloat storage was the preferred option.

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9. The Chairman reported that the external survey by divers was scheduled for the week of 22 May 89.

Future of Nuclear Submarine Storage Working Group

10. The Chairman stated that in view of the imminent completion of the sea bed and afloat storage feasibility papers there was no further requirement for the working group (the working group had been based on the Sea Disposal Working Group as a matter of convenience and with the sole task of completing the feasibility papers for Sec(FS)/A). Consequently, no further working groups were planned at the meeting.